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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE'S MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT ON MIDDLE EAST

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FROM PRIME MINISTER
BANDARANAIKE RECEIVED VIA AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE
OCTOBER 17.

2. QUOTE. I WISH TO COMMEND TO YOU FOR YOUR EARNEST
CONSIDERATION, THE PROPOSAL ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT SADAT
TO THE PEOPLES' COUNCIL IN CAIRO YESTERDAY FOR A CEASEFIRE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THEIR RAPID SPREAD AND ESCALATION
ARE CREATING A SITUATION WHICH COULD SERIOUSLY ENDANGER
WORLD PEACE AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT IMMEDIATE STEPS
SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ARREST THIS TREND TOWARDS A UNIVERSAL
CONFLAGRATION.

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3. I WISH THEREFORE TO APPEAL TO YOU, IN THE NAME OF

WORLD PEACE AND ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD WHOSE
EARNEST DESIRE IS TO HAVE PEACE IN THE WORLD ON THE BASIS
OF EQUALITY AND JUSTICE, TO USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES IN
ENABLING CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S
OFFER. I AM MAKING THIS PERSONAL APPEAL TO YOU, MR.
PRESIDENT, IN VIEW OF YOUR OWN ABIDING COMMITMENTS TO

WORLD PEACE AND THE HISTORIC CONTRIBUTION WHICH YOU
HAVE MADE TOWARDS STRENGTHENING PEACE IN OUR TIME.

4. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE
WHICH YOU ENJOY, SUCH AN INTERVENTION BY YOU AT THIS
MOMENT IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S OFFER COULD BE
DECISIVE AND EARN FOR YOU THE CONTINUED APPRECIATION
OF THE WORLD.

SIRIMA R. D. BANDARANAIKE
PRIME MINISTER OF SRI LANKA. END QUOTE

5. MEMCON OF SISCO/KANAKARATNE CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT
BEING TRANSMITTED SEPERATELY. AMBASSADOR INFORMS US
GSL MAY RELEASE MESSAGE BUT WISHED CHECK WITH US
FIRST AS COURTESY. KISSINGER

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